Contributions towards Africa Fund

*132. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries which have so far contributed to the Africa Fund and the amounts contributed by each country;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to persuade the remaining countries to contribute generously to the Africa Fund; and

(c) what are the major activities to be financed out of this Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A Statement of updated list of contributions so far pledged to the AFRICA Fund is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Prime Minister as Chairman of the AFRICA Fund Committee has written to Heads of State/Government of non-aligned as well as other countries, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Secretary General of Commonwealth and the President of EEC forwarding the Appeal and the Plan of Action and requesting their support. Similarly, EAM has also written to Heads of other international organisations. The matter is also raised in the course off bilateral visits exchanged with several countries.

The Special Envoy of the Prime Minister for Africa has held talks with a number of Govts. as also with the UN and Specialised Agencies and the Commonwealth Secretariat to mobilise support for the AFRICA Fund. A meeting of the Senior Officials of the AFRICA Fund Committee is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from August 4 to 7, 1987, when future action to be taken will be discussed.

(c) The AFRICA Fund Plan of Action adopted at the Summit in January 1987 has identified projects in 9 major areas:—

(i) to relieve shortages of essential commodities consequent upon enforcement of sanctions against South Africa, including establishment of strategic relief reserve;

(ii) to strengthen transport and communications affected by the struggle against racism;

(iii) to respond effectively to the negative trade effects of action against the South African regime;

(iv) to assure continued availability of oil and other forms of energy;

(v) to assist in ensuring safe functioning of vital economic installations and networks;

(vi) to develop human skills for effective management of national economics;

(vii) Rehabilitation of migrant labour.

(viii) Assistance to the Liberation Movements in South Africa and Namibia.

(ix) Mobilisation of international public and financial resources.

Statement

Contributions pledged to Africa fund so far are as follows

India	Rs. 50 Crores	(in kind)
Nigeria	US $ 15 million	(in kind)
Peru	US $ 10 million	(in kind)
Algeria	US $ 10 million	(in kind)

Yugoslavia	US $ 12 million	(in kind)
Argentina	US $ 3 million for 1987	(in kind)
Congo	CFA 100 million Us $ 330,000	(in kind)
France	FF 20 million	
Barbadose	Bd a 100,000	
Djibouti	US a 10,000	(in cash)-recd.
Italy	Lire 4 billion	(in food aid)
Libya	US $ 10 million	(50% in cash 50% in kind)
Guyana	US $ 5000	(in cash)-recd.
USSR	Roubles 65 million (eq. US $ 100 million)	(goods, experts & training facilities)
Afghanistan	US $ 5000	(in cash)
Nicaragua	US $ 50,000	(in cash)
Nauru	Aus. $ 10,000	(in cash)-recd.
Bangladesh	US $ 10,000	(in cash)
Mauritius	US $ 38,328,90	(in cash)
Maldives	US $ 1,000	(in cash)
Norway	NK 10 million	(in kind)
Uganda	US $ 1,00.000	(in cash)
Phillippines	US $ 500	(in cash)
Pakistan	Pak Rs. 50 million	(in kind)
Sweden	Project assistance	
Cyprus	US $ 100,000	(in kind)
Brunei	US $ 100,000	(in cash)

Deal for export of basmati rice to gulf countries

*133. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the S.T.C. has entered into a deal for the export of 45,000 tonnes of basmati rice @ 721 per tonne to Gulf countries;

(b) if so, whether a private company has been entrusted with the job; if so, the name thereof;

(c) whether the consortium of Indian Exporters had offered to sell rice @ 800 per tonne;

(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting their offer; and

(e) the grade of basmati rice being exported?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (e) STC signed three contracts with Government bying organisations of Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman for sale of Grade 'B' raw milled basmati rice